

STUART-NECHAKO REGIONAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019

PRESENT: Chairperson Jerry Petersen

Directors Dolores Funk
Tom Greenaway
Clint Lambert
Mark Parker
Bev Playfair
Michael Riis-Christianson
Gerry Thiessen
Kim Watt-Senner – arrived at 10:10 a.m.

Director Absent Linda McGuire, Village of Granisle

Alternate Director Thomas Liversidge, Village of Granisle

Staff Cheryl Anderson, Acting CAO/Manager of Administrative Services
John Illes, Chief Financial Officer
Wendy Wainwright, Executive Assistant

Others Kiel Giddens, Public Affairs Manager TransCanada
Tanner Woodman, Coastal GasLink - Prince George, TransCanada

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Petersen called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

AGENDA

Moved by Director Lambert
Seconded by Director Greenaway

SNRHD.2019-2-1

“That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Agenda of March 21, 2019 be approved.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

MINUTES

Stuart-Nechako Regional
Hospital District Meeting
Minutes -January 3, 2019

Moved by Director Liversidge
Seconded by Director Parker

SNRHD.2019-2-2

“That the minutes of the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District meeting of January 3, 2019 be adopted.”

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

REPORT

Update for March and Cheque for Bylaw 64, 2017 Ratification Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Liversidge

SNRHD.2019-2-3

1. "That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the Treasurer's March 6, 2019 memo titled "Update for March and Cheque for Bylaw 64, 2017 Ratification."
2. That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors ratify the partial payment of \$82,811.54 for the Southside Wellness Centre and the Vanderhoof Hospital phone system upgrade."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Lambert

SNRHD.2019-2-4

"That the Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors receive the following correspondence from Northern Health:

- Media Bulletin – Influenza Activity Increasing in Northern BC; Vaccine Still Widely Available
- News Release – February 2019 Board Meeting Highlights
- IMAGINE Grants – Health Happens in Community-Community Workshop Report."

(All/Directors/Majority)

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

VERBAL REPORTS

Primary Health Care Clinic in Fort St. James

Director Greenaway mentioned that renovation work has begun in the Fort St. James Primary Health Care Clinic location. He will be attending a meeting this evening regarding the progress. Director Playfair mentioned that the contractor completing the works is from Prince George.

Physician for the Southside of Francois Lake

Director Lambert questioned what would be required to have a full time physician at the Southside Health and Wellness Centre. He noted that currently there are three Nurse Practitioners and a Physician that rotate at the clinic. Director Lambert spoke of the need for consistency.

BC Ambulance Service Concerns

Director Parker mentioned that there are a number of issues facing BC Ambulance Service, adequate staffing levels and the transfer of BC Ambulance vehicles to different locations and leaving a community without a BC Ambulance. The impacts to Volunteer Fire Department road assistance and BC Ambulance was discussed.

Discussion took place in regard to inviting BC Ambulance to a future Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako Board meeting. Staff will extend an invitation.

VERBAL REPORTS (CONT'D)

Lakes District Hospital and Health Care Centre – Over Capacity

Director Funk mentioned that the Lakes District Hospital and Health Care Centre is currently over its capacity. She noted that it may be due to the lack of long-term care beds and assisted living for seniors.

Director Thiessen spoke of the need for a complete inventory and evaluation of the number of acute care beds being utilized for assisted living long-term care beds in all acute care facilities within the SNRHD.

Pines – Cafeteria Renovations

Director Funk reported that the Pines Cafeteria renovations are expected to be complete in 3-4 weeks.

Senior Care Housing Project -Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen mentioned that the Seniors Care Housing project is moving forward in partnership with Northern Health, District of Vanderhoof and BC Housing. The hope is the facility will provide approximately ten people, currently in the hospital, to move into a proper care facility.

Physicians in Vanderhoof

Director Thiessen commented that there are currently four physicians retiring, leaving or going for training. Two physicians and a nurse practitioner have been hired to provide assistance. Director Thiessen mentioned that a meeting will be held in the future in regard to the physician situation in the community and recruitment.

Lakes District Hospital and Health Care Centre

Director Watt-Senner noted that she was extremely impressed with the delivery of care at the Lakes District Hospital and Health Care Centre.

NCLGA – Northern Health Meeting May 7-10, 2019 Williams Lake, B.C.

Chair Petersen mentioned that a meeting has been requested with Northern Health at the North Central Local Government Association Convention May 7-10, 2019 in Williams Lake, B.C. The topics for discussion are:

- Fort St. James Primary Care Facility
- Fort St. James Hospital
- Assisted living
- Request for full time physician on the Southside of Francois Lake
- Medical Assist (Volunteer Fire Departments/BC Ambulance)
- Stuart Nechako Manor – Update

Receipt of Verbal Reports

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Playfair

SNRHD-2019-2-5

“That the verbal reports of the various Stuart-Nechako Regional Hospital District Board of Directors be received.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Director Greenaway
Seconded by Director Playfair

SNRHD.2019-2-6

“That the meeting be adjourned at 10:23 a.m.”

(All/Directors/Majority) CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY